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Enforcement

The Commission accepted a stipulation as to facts, violations, and penalty entered into between **Jim Wilson** and PDC staff. **Wilson** stipulated that, as chief of Vashon Island Fire & Rescue, he approved the content, production, and distribution of two fire district newsletters that supported fire district commissioner candidates, a violation of state law. **Wilson** agreed to a penalty of \$1,000 with \$500 suspended on the condition of no further violations for a period of two years.

The Commission found an apparent violation by **Al Keifer, Jr.**, commissioner for Whatcom Fire Dist. 10, for failing to file an annual personal financial affairs statement and, after considering that this is **Keifer's** 5th occasion of not timely filing, referred the case to the Attorney General for further action.

Requests for Reconsideration:

Washington State Coalition of Mental Health Professionals and Consumers, a lobbyist employer, requested that the Commission reconsider the April 27, 2006 Brief Enforcement Hearing decision that found a violation of RCW 42.17.180 for failing to timely file an annual lobbyist employer report (PDC Form L-3) and assessed a \$150 civil penalty. The Commission vacated the Order from the April hearing after considering new information about transition issues facing the Coalition and its history of timely compliance.

Reporting Modifications:

The Commission granted a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (PDC Form F-1) reporting modification to **Norman Gutzwiler**, a Chelan County PUD commissioner, who requested an exemption from reporting the business and governmental customers of the following entities for which he is a board member: National Cherry Growers & Industries Foundation, Washington State Fruit Commission, Chelan County Fair Board, Farm Credit Services, and Lovitt Farms.

The Commission renewed a reporting modification for **William Ruckelshaus**, Chairman of the Salmon Recovery Board, without an exemption from reporting governmental and business customers of Cummins Engine Company, Nordstrom, Inc., or Weyerhaeuser Company because he is no longer is a board member for those entities.

The Commission renewed reporting modifications, with no changes, for:

- **Lori Kaiser**, Council Member, City of Mukilteo
- **Daniel Kristiansen**, State Representative, 39th Legislative District
- **Karen Lane**, Trustee, The Evergreen State College
- **David Lamb**, Trustee, The Evergreen State College
- **Palmer Robinson**, Judge, King County Superior Court
- **Richard Roozen**, Director, Mount Vernon School District

Rulemaking

The Commission held a public hearing and permanently adopted:

WAC 390-37-090 Informal settlement – Cases resolvable by stipulation prior to an enforcement hearing (adjudicative proceeding), or by other alternative dispute mechanism. The amendment imposes a deadline of 4:00 PM on the business day preceding an enforcement hearing for parties to deliver to the Commission a stipulation as to penalty.

The Commission held a public hearing and approved language for:

Amending **WAC 290-16-050 Forms for contributions and expenditures by out-of-state political committees** to include a new section required by Chapter 348, Laws of 2006.

New **WAC 390-05-522 Place of Business – Definition** necessary for the implementation of Chapter 348, Laws of 2006.

The Commission also discussed and approved draft language regarding personal financial affairs reporting by partners and members of limited liability partnerships/companies. A public hearing will likely be scheduled in September 2006.

The Commission meeting materials may be found at www.pdc.wa.gov under **Commission Meetings** at **Meeting Agendas and Materials**. For additional information concerning these issues contact Lori Anderson, Communications & Training Officer, at (360) 664-2737, toll free 1-877-601-2828 or e-mail at landerson@pdc.wa.gov.

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| The next special meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission is tentatively scheduled for August 24, 2006. |
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